

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 44 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 44 would allow the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to restore forfeited good conduct time to an inmate while imprisoned. Current statute gives the department the discretion to forfeit all or part of an inmate's good conduct time credits if an inmate commits an offense or violates a department rule. That is sufficient discretion.

Providing an additional discretionary opportunity does nothing to protect public safety. Indeed, this bill could endanger public safety by triggering early release of convicted felons who act out in prison.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams

ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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